

1st SURBITON GROUP
1st SURBITON (SEALION) SEA SCOUT GROUP
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2025

Charity Registration Number: 303763

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1ST SURBITON (SEALION) SEA SCOUT GROUP TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

CONSTITUTION

1st Surbiton "Sealion" Sea Scout Group formed in 1909 is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No.303763) and is constituted by a Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912 as amended by supplementary charters dated 28th March 1949, 18th February 1959, 5th May 1967 and 19th July 1991. The Trustees present their Annual Report as under, together with the Annual Accounts as attached, for the year ended 31st March 2025. These have been prepared in accordance with the Trust Deed and the Charities Act 2011.

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The object of the charity is promoting the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Trustee Board continues to focus solely on the governance of the Group to make sure the Group is run safely and legally. The Board and the Leadership team work together to meet the charity aims. The Board's main function is to manage our money and assets - headquarter, boats, equipment and facilities on Ravens Ait that support the leaders in delivering the activities for the young people. The Board continues to carry out and coordinate fundraising activities, and maintains links with stakeholders, including the Local Authority, community, school, and Church. The Board makes sure to follow Scouts policies and relevant legislation and manage risks.

The Group remains in a healthy position financially although there is an operating loss where spending is more than income. The subscriptions have been increased since September 2024 to reduce the deficit. Being able to claim Gift aid allows us to invest what we do receive from that source, along with member subscriptions, in boating and other equipment.

In the last twelve months, thanks to Dan, Warran and the maintenance team, we kept our small crafts well-maintained and improved our island facilities including installing a new CCTV system in the island.

The Group has continued to develop throughout 2024/25 and remains the second largest in the District. We have a waiting list from children outside the Group which are offered places if vacancies arise, although priority for places is always given to ensuring we can provide transition between the training sections for existing members. Each of the training sections has a healthy number of members. The programme aims to provide a progression in challenge through each of the age groups represented by the sections with the opportunity for a child aged six to pass through the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and eventually Explorer scouts.

The development of the young people is provided through the training scheme and by them learning various skills and gaining badges to show that they have reached the required standard in the skill and achievement. Young people can gain a wide range of badges during their time in the Group, a number which increases annually.

We have had many outdoor activities across the different sections over the year with good turnout.

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Finally, the Group still has access to Raven's Ait for its boating activities. While paying rent directly to the management, our access to Raven's Ait continues from a lease granted through the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, which we remain very grateful for, and is an integral part of the success of the Scout and Explorer scout sections of 1st Surbiton. We are in discussion with Ravens Ait's management team to resolve the rental issue at Ravens Ait.

RESERVE POLICY

The Trustee Board's aim is to break even, covering all expenses and to have sufficient in reserve (£40,000 is our stated position) to cover wear and tear on equipment and to make sure we can cover any unexpected expenses, for example, lease extension for the headquarter.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board have examined the major risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced to them to lessen such risks.

TRUSTEES

The Group Trustee boards are:

Roger Jones (Group President), Penny Blundell (Group Lead Volunteer), Henrik Svensson (Group Chair), Linh Bui (Group Treasurer), Nilofer Byramji (Trustee) and Dan Gibson (Trustee).

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. In view of its size the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

CHARITY CORRESPONDENT

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CHARITY NUMBER 303763

ACCOUNTANTS

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Signed:


Roger C Jones

Group Executive Member




Linh Bui

Group Treasurer

Dated: 7th June 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF
1ST SURBITON (SEALION) SEA SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the 1st Surbiton (Sealion) Sea Scout Group (Charity no. 303763) for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act,
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

(i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and

(ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Tim Brown BA(Hons) ACA
Chartered Accountant
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Dated: 7th June 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

| | Notes | 2025 | | 2024 |
|--|-------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Total £ |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Subscriptions | | 40,845 | - | 40,845 |
| Gift Aid 2021/2022 | | - | - | - |
| Gift Aid 2023/2024 (2022/2023) | | 9,509 | - | 9,509 |
| Activities to further the Charity's objectives | | - | - | - |
| Donatons and Grants | 1 | 3,887 | - | 3,887 |
| Activities to generate funds | 2 | 543 | - | 543 |
| Insurance Receipt | | - | - | - |
| Bank Interest | | 1,336 | - | 1,336 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | 56,120 | - | 56,120 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | |
| Payments for generating funds | | - | - | - |
| Charitable payments: | | | | |
| Grants Paid for District Membership | | 11,008 | - | 11,008 |
| Charitable Activities | 3 | 32,734 | - | 32,734 |
| Support costs | 4 | 9,880 | - | 9,880 |
| Management and Administration | 5 | 3,670 | - | 3,670 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | | 57,292 | - | 57,292 |
| NET RECEIPTS | | (1,172) | - | (1,172) |
| Cash Funds as at 1st April 2024 | | 57,841 | - | 57,841 |
| Cash Funds as at 31st March 2025 | | 56,669 | - | 56,669 |

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Assets Retained for Charity's own use

| | |
|--|---------------|
| New Headquarters and Ravens Ait | £ |
| Lease 99 years from St Andrew & St Marks PPC | 2,500 |
| Expenditure 2009/10 | 10,693 |
| Expenditure 2010/11 | 35,113 |
| Expenditure 2011/12 | 609 |
| Expenditure 2013/14 - Work Stations etc | 1,059 |
| Expenditure 2013/14 - Computer Room | 1,836 |
| Expenditure 2018/19 - Changing rooms on Island | 7,104 |
| Expenditure 2020/21 - Boatshed Construction | 4,219 |
| Expenditure 2020/21 - New Staircase at HQ | 2,478 |
| Expenditure 2020/21 - Chairs and Trolleys | 1,279 |
| Expenditure 2021/22 - CVTV | 1,170 |
| | 68,060 |

| | Cost | Book Value |
|--|---------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Equipment Inventory (Acquired in last 10 years) | | |
| Additions 2016/17 - Tents | 730 | 73 |
| Additions 2016/17 - Oars | 773 | 77 |
| Additions 2016/17 - Equipment | 680 | 68 |
| Additions 2017/18 - Gala Tent | 2,900 | 870 |
| Additions 2018/19 - Laser Equipment | 6,974 | 2,790 |
| Additions 2018/19 - Camp Accessories | 2,391 | 956 |
| Additions 2018/19 - Gala Tent | 1,300 | 520 |
| Additions 2018/19 - Waterproof Radio | 869 | 348 |
| Additions 2021/22 - Paddle Boards | 2,475 | 1,733 |
| Additions 2021/22 - Hiking Rents | 1,380 | 966 |
| Additions 2021/22 - Gazeboo | 1,020 | 714 |
| Additions 2022/23 - Rakat Minibus for Dolphins | 2,234 | 1,787 |
| Additions 2022/23 - Six Chromebooks | 2,395 | 1,916 |
| Additions 2023/24 - Kayaks & Lifejackets | 2,271 | 2,044 |
| Additions 2024/25 - CCTV on Island 50% Deposit | 1,244 | - |
| | 29,636 | 14,862 |

| | | |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Boat Inventory (Acquired in last 10 years) | | |
| Additions 2014/15 - Whitewater Canoes | 8,903 | - |
| Additions 2014/15 - Ribshop | 7,279 | - |
| Additions 2014/15 - Other | 1,118 | - |
| Additions 2017/18 - Oars | 1,433 | - |
| Additions 2017/18 - Canoes | 2,461 | 738 |
| Additions 2017/18 - Canoe Equipment | 2,159 | 648 |
| Additions 2017/18 - Boats (8) | 4,028 | 1,208 |
| Additions 2017/18 - New Whaly Boat | 5,911 | 1,773 |
| Additions 2018/19 - Whaly Boat 435 | 8,673 | 3,469 |
| Additions 2018/19 - Boat Deposit | 4,436 | 1,774 |
| Additions 2019/20 - NewRib | 17,743 | 8,872 |
| Additions 2022/23 - 2nd Beeton Used Gig Deposit | 1,050 | 840 |
| Additions 2023/24 - 2nd Beeton Used Gig Balance | 8,950 | 8,355 |
| | 71,144 | 24,678 |
| | 100,780 | 39,539 |

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**NOTES TO RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| RECEIPTS | | |
| 1 Donatons and Grants | | |
| General Donations | 75 | 700 |
| Hall Donations | 3,812 | 3,432 |
| Jack Petchey Awards | - | - |
| | <u>3,887</u> | <u>4,132</u> |
| 2 Activities to generate funds | | |
| Christmas Trees | (291) | 979 |
| Parking Permits | 400 | 800 |
| Sale of Uniforms | 434 | 662 |
| | <u>543</u> | <u>2,441</u> |

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| PAYMENTS | | |
| 3 Charitable Activities | | |
| Boat Expenses inc Licences (Incs New Engine £5,486) | 9,008 | 9,323 |
| Boats (Items over £1,000 added to asset register) | - | 5,950 |
| Boat & Marine Insurance (Comparative - 2 years) | 4,684 | 9,091 |
| Boatshed & Island repairs | 5,129 | 2,881 |
| Equipment (items over £1,000 added to register) | 2,034 | 2,271 |
| Jack Petchy spending | - | (504) |
| Scarves and Clothing | 659 | 450 |
| Scout Shop | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| Assisted Places for camps | 800 | 270 |
| Section Expenses | | |
| Porpoise and Narwhal (Beavers) | 1,260 | 2,760 |
| Funds from Porpoise | - | (4,000) |
| Walrus (Cub-Scouts) | 1,080 | 900 |
| Dolphin (Cub-Scouts) | 2,220 | 2,040 |
| Troop (Scouts) | 3,120 | 3,600 |
| Explorers | 1,740 | 1,620 |
| | <u>9,420</u> | <u>6,920</u> |
| | <u>32,734</u> | <u>38,652</u> |
| 4 Support costs | | |
| HQ Expenses inc Maintenance | 5,231 | 5,566 |
| Minibus (RAKAT)(net of Section Contribution) | 1,526 | 2,475 |
| Ravens Ait Rent | - | 1,560 |
| Utilities | 3,123 | 4,110 |
| | <u>9,880</u> | <u>13,711</u> |
| 5 Management and Administration | | |
| AGM | 191 | 1,563 |
| General Expenses (inc PPS) | 7 | 642 |
| Independent Examiners Fees | 260 | 260 |
| Insurances (Property & Equipment) | 2,321 | 2,798 |
| Telephone | 531 | 496 |
| Training | 360 | 368 |
| | <u>3,670</u> | <u>6,127</u> |